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ACTIVITIES OF D/E AND THE INTELLIGENCE WORKING GROUP

1. In the 12 months since its establishment, the Economic Defense Division has produced more than 100 working papers and other intelligence documents; has represented CIA on more than 50 interagency committees, task and working groups in the field of economic defense, including the Economic Defense Advisory Committee, and Advisory Committee on Export Policy, the Joint Committee on Export Control Levels, and the Intelligence Working Group; has participated in an average of more than 2 formal interagency meetings daily besides numerous informal conferences; has participated in the preparation of briefings for members of Congress and executive officers of the Government, and in international meetings relating to economic defense; and has established the Intelligence Working Group "to develop closer continuous relationship among the operational, policy formulation, and intelligence-research elements within the EDAC structure."

2. Many of the urgent or "crash" demands on the Agency have had an economic defense aspect and required some contribution or participation by D/E, for example, the delivery of the Danish tanker, the China shipping problem, and the voyage of the WIIMA. Much of the other intelligence produced by the Division was also on an urgent basis to meet deadlines for interagency or international consideration in COMCOM and CHINCOM. In addition, the Division furnished contributions or comments on NIE-59 and other long-range research projects and estimates.

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3. The Intelligence Working Group has held 32 meetings; has considered some 40 individual economic defense matters among the more important of which have been: Soviet procurement of specialized aircraft bearings, destruction of North Korean power facilities and procurement requirements for rehabilitation, quantity and quality of Polish coal deliveries to Scandinavian countries, bunkering of vessels in the China trade, technical analysis of repairs to Soviet vessels in the port of Antwerp, movement of scrap metals from the Middle East to the Soviet Bloc; has established 12 subgroups on specific economic defense intelligence problems; has instituted a recommendation for the interchange overseas of economic defense intelligence by US agencies; has established a procedure to facilitate the production, coordination and release of economic defense intelligence; and has recommended a plan for the collation, evaluation, recording, and dissemination of current intelligence regarding transactions in East-West trade in strategic commodities and services.

4. The eager customers of economic defense intelligence have included the Departments of Defense (Office of Economic Defense Affairs, and the IAC agencies), State (EDS, MD, OIR), ODPS, Commerce (OIT and Commercial Intelligence), Treasury (FAC), NSA, and occasionally others.

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